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(a) the number and names of entrepreneurs belonging to SC/ST who have been given permission to start petrol/diesel retail outlets in Gujarat during 2004-05 and 2005-06 alongwith the locations thereof;

(b) the number of functional outlets out of them; and

(c) the number of outlets lacking in basic facilities as on 15th April, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) During the years 2004-05 and 2005-06, the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and IBP Co. Limited had allotted 131 retail outlets (ROs) under the categories reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, in the State of Gujarat. The details of the allottees and the locations where such ROs are to be set up are available with the Directors(Marketing) of the OMC concerned. Out of these allotment, 28 retail outlets have so far been commissioned and are operational. Out of the commissioned retail outlets, basic facilities exist in 23 outlets. In the remaining five cases, provision of facilities of proper drive-way and construction of sales room building are under progress while the other basic facilities exist.

#### **Special drive for vacancies**

3292. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2004 in various Departments under the Ministry;

(b) whether, special drive was carried out to fill in the above backlog vacancies;

(c) if so, the number of vacancies filled in during the last two years, Department-wise; and

(d) what are the backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The number of backlog vacancies reserved for SCs/STs, as on 31st March, 2004 in

various oil Cos. under the administrative control of this Ministry are as under:

SCs	STs
71	135

(b) Special drive to fill up backlog vacancies reserved for SCs/STs was launched by DOPT and this Ministry makes a part of the same.

(c) No. of vacancies filled during the last two years, company-wise may please be seen at Statement. (See below)

(d) The total no. of backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2006 is as under:

SCs	STs
9	35

#### **Statement**

*No. of vacancies filled during the last two years, in various oil companies*

Name of the Oil Company	SCs	STs
BPCL	3	24
Oil	10	27
HPCL	6	18
EIL	2	1
NRL	15	5
GAIL	26	25
Total:	62	100

#### **Rural tourism projects**

3293. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Barapali with 400 years of history and heritage in Orissa has good potential for rural tourism;